

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 11/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17, 100 (renumbered as claims 1-18).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/29/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-17 and 100 are allowed.
2. Claims 18-99 are canceled.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Chu (Reg. No. 41,676) on 11/29/2007.
5. The application has been amended as follow:

- a. The title is amended as follow:

Managed messaging platform with message response aggregation.

- b. Claims 1, 9, 17, are amended as follow and claim 100 is added.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a message directed to at least two recipients, the message including at least one message-structure item that is selected from a group which includes a subject, a response option; an associated ability to allow at least one desired recipient to see at least one other of the message's recipients, a message body; at least one yes-no-type question, at least one multiple-choice-response-type question, at least one meeting location, and at least one event location;

presenting, via a wireless device, a response aggregation drawn upon [[a]] the message having at least two desired recipients, the response aggregation being produced by aggregating responses from the at least two recipients to form the response aggregation; and

displaying a total number of desired recipients to whom the message has been sent, which displaying includes displaying those desired recipients that have viewed the message, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending a meeting to which the message relates, those desired ~~recipients~~ recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending an event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have not viewed the message, and those desired recipients that are unreachable.

9. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving a message directed to at least two recipients, the message including at least one message-structure item that is selected from a group which includes a subject, a response option; an associated ability to allow at least one desired recipient to see at least one other of the message's recipients, a message body; at least one yes-no-type question, at least one multiple-choice-response-type question, at least one meeting location, and at least one event location;

means for presenting, via a wireless device, a response aggregation drawn upon [[a]] the message ~~having at least two desired recipients~~, the response aggregation being produced by aggregating responses from the at least two recipients to form the response aggregation; [[and]]

software means stored on the wireless device configured to display a total number of desired recipients to whom the message has been sent, which display includes indications of those desired recipients that have viewed the message, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending a meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending an event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have

indicated that they will be attending the meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have not viewed the message, and those desired recipients that are unreachable; and

software means stored on the wireless device being configured, when executed, to drill down to aspect of responses of desired recipients that are not attending a meeting or an event, which results in a display of a list of names, email addresses, time the message was sent, time the message was viewed, RSVPs, and comments of those desired recipients not attending the meeting or the event.

17. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a first component configured to receive a message directed to at least two recipients, the message including at least one message-structure item that is selected from a group which includes a subject, a response option; an associated ability to allow at least one desired recipient to see at least one other of the message's recipients, a message body; at least one yes-no-type question, at least one multiple-choice-response-type question, at least one meeting location, and at least one event location;

a ~~[[first]]~~ second component configured to present, via a wireless device, a response aggregation drawn upon ~~[[a]]~~ the message ~~having at least two desired recipients~~, the response aggregation being produced by aggregating responses from the at least two recipients to form the response aggregation, the message being created by another wireless device via entry of message structure items to request a meeting or event with the at least two desired recipients, a third component stored on the wireless device being configured to display a total number of desired recipients to whom the message has been sent, which display includes displaying those desired recipients that have viewed the message, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending a meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that

they will not be attending an event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have not viewed the message, and those desired recipients that are unreachable, a [[second]] fourth component stored on the wireless device being configured, when executed, to drill down to aspect of responses of desired recipients that have viewed the message, which results in a display of a list of names, email addresses, titles, time the message was sent, a date the message was viewed, and comments of those desired recipients that have viewed the message, the first component selected from an electrical-circuitry group including electrical circuitry having at least one discrete electrical circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one integrated circuit, electrical circuitry having at least one application specific integrated circuit, electrical circuitry forming a general purpose computing device configured by a computer program, electrical circuitry forming a memory device, and electrical circuitry forming a communications device.

18. (New) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for implementing a method, comprising:

receiving a message directed to at least two recipients, the message including at least one message-structure item that is selected from a group which includes a subject, a response option; an associated ability to allow at least one desired recipient to see at least one other of the message's recipients, a message body; at least one yes-no-type question, at least one multiple-choice-response-type question, at least one meeting location, and at least one event location;

presenting, via a wireless device, a response aggregation drawn upon the message, the response aggregation being produced by aggregating responses from the at least two recipients to form the response aggregation; and

displaying a total number of desired recipients to whom the message has been sent, which displaying includes displaying those desired recipients that have viewed the message, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending a meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending an event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have not viewed the message, and those desired recipients that are unreachable.

Reason for allowance

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach nor suggest the limitation as proposed by the examiner during the telephone interview dated on 11/29/2007 with applicant's attorney. The Examiner agrees and allows the application after the authority given by the attorney to amend the claims. The Prior art of record does not teach or suggests presenting a response aggregation by aggregating responses from message received which includes least one message-structure item that is selected from a group which includes a subject, a response option; an associated ability to allow at least one desired recipient to see at least one other of the message's recipients, a message body; at least one yes-no-type question, at least one multiple-choice-response-type question, at least one meeting location, and at least one event location, and displaying a total number of desired recipients to whom the message

has been sent, which displaying includes displaying those desired recipients that have viewed the message, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending a meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will not be attending an event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the meeting to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have indicated that they will be attending the event to which the message relates, those desired recipients that have not viewed the message, and those desired recipients that are unreachable in light of other limitation described in independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 100.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Liang-che Alex Wang whose telephone number is (571)272-3992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton B Burgess can be reached on (571)272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

10. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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November 29, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liang-che Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font.